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### **Daniel and Ashley are Favorite Orange County Baby Names in 2004**

Daniel and Ashley were the top boy and girl baby names in Orange County in 2004, according to Tom Daly, Orange County Clerk-Recorder.

Daniel remained the County's most popular boy name for the second year in a row, while Ashley unseated Emily as the most popular girl name this year. Emily had previously been the most popular girl name the past two years.

Jose (#10) is the only new entry to the boys list this year, while Sophia (#8) and Madison (#10) also entered the top 10 in 2004.

This year, Brandon, Jennifer and Elizabeth fell from the previous year's to 10 list.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Name List was compiled from approximately 48,000 births which occurred in Orange County in 2004, 48% of those births were girls and 52% were boys.

According to the Baby Center's National 2004 Baby Names List, Emma was the most popular girl's name in the United States, while Jacob remained the nation's most popular boy's name for the fourth year in a row,

#### **Orange County 2004 Top 10 Baby Names (vs. 2003)**

##### **BOYS**

<u><b>2004</b></u>	<u><b>2003</b></u>
1. Daniel	Daniel
2. Andrew	Anthony
3. Anthony	Andrew
4. Joshua	Jacob
5. Jacob	Ryan
6. Ryan	David
7. Matthew	Joshua
8. David	Matthew
9. Ethan	Ethan
10. Jose	Brandon

##### **GIRLS**

<u><b>2004</b></u>	<u><b>2003</b></u>
1. Ashley	Emily
2. Emily	Ashley
3. Samantha	Samantha
4. Isabella	Natalie
5. Emma	Emma
6. Kimberly	Isabella
7. Natalie	Jessica
8. Sophia	Elizabeth
9. Madison	Jennifer
10. Jessica	Kimberly

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